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## NEWS ALERT



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## Parks and Recreation Department

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### **Durham Parks and Recreation Teams Up with the Goat Squad** *Goats will help clear vegetation and brush at Indian Trail Park*

**Durham, NC:** Durham Parks and Recreation has found the greenest way to remove vegetation and brush at Indian Trail Park on 1701 Albany Street. Tomorrow, The Goat Squad, a local targeted grazing business, will bring 24 goats to the Northern section of the park between Indian Trail and the playground area. The goats will clear unwanted vegetation, brush, and invasive species to increase visibility of the playground from the parking lot and trail.

The Goat Squad will graze on brush and vegetation for approximately three days in preparation of the volunteer clean up event scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Volunteers are needed and can visit [www.DPRvolunteers.ivolunteer.com](http://www.DPRvolunteers.ivolunteer.com) to register to participate.

The public is invited to come by and view the goats at work. They are very friendly and are accustomed to people. The goats will be contained in a portable electric fence throughout their stay. Onlookers should avoid touching the fence and refrain from petting the goats unless Goat Squad staff are present to disconnect the fence and supervise public interaction with the goats.

Using goats to remove vegetation is good for both the environment and the bottom line. Traditional methods for removing vegetation can compact soils and expose waterways, wildlife and people to potentially harmful chemicals. Goats love eating the plants we want removed including kudzu, poison ivy, privet, wisteria, honeysuckle bamboo and mixed brush. Their triangular mouths crush what they

consume so the seeds that lead to new growth are no longer viable. When the goats depart, their manure serves as a natural high-quality soil fertilizer.

In the coming weeks, the park will be open with a new playground to include play structures for ages 2-5 and 5-12 year olds, swings, and more.

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### **About Durham Parks and Recreation**

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### **About the Goat Squad**

Since 2012, The Goat Squad's mission has been to offer vegetation removal, educate people about native plants, and introduce our heard of useful and friendly goats.